

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:3
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DROUGHT AFFECTED STATES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of States hit by drought during the current year;
- (b) the estimated loss and damage to crop, cattle and human-life recorded, State and Union Territory-wise;
- (c) the extent of assistance sought by each of the State/Union Territory and the amount of assistance actually provided to them during the above period;
- (d) the names of the State/Union Territory visited by the Central team for the purpose;
- (e) the follow-up action taken by the Government on the basis of the reports given by the Central team; and
- (f) the details of the target fixed and efforts made to provide employment to the drought affected people during the above period?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 3 DUE FOR REPLY ON 19TH NOVEMBER, 2001.

(a) to (e): During the first half of South-West Monsoon 2001 the following States received deficit rainfall:-

Andhra Pradesh (12 districts)
Bihar (9 districts)
Karnataka (18 districts)
Maharashtra (12 districts)

These States have reported crop damage as follows:-

State Cropped area affected (in lakh hectares)

Andhra Pradesh	56.91
Bihar	3.00
Karnataka	16.22
Maharashtra	Not reported by State Govt.

No loss of human or cattle life has been reported by these States.

All the four States sought assistance from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) and Central Teams were deputed to assess the damage in all the four States.

The reports of the Teams to Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka were considered by the competent bodies keeping in view the items and norms of expenditure for assistance under the NCCF Scheme. Since the States have balance available in their Calamity Relief Fund (CRF), it was decided that they should first utilize the funds available in the CRF and the situation would be reviewed at a later date. The State Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka were informed accordingly.

The Reports of Central Teams which visited Bihar and Maharashtra are under consideration.

To provide for loss of wage employment due to early set-back in rains, these States were encouraged to provide employment through the Food for Work Programme and were allocated foodgrains free of cost as under:-

State Foodgrains allotted (in lakh MTs) Calamity

Andhra Pradesh	6.00	Drought
Bihar	1.00	Floods
Karnataka	1.00	Drought
Maharashtra	1.00	Drought (recommended)

Besides, 2 lakh MTs of cattle grade feed was also allocated to Karnataka.

The Central share of the CRF for 2001-02 was released to these States as follows:-

State Amount (in crores) Remarks

Andhra Pradesh	155.97	Full
Karnataka	58.72	Full
Maharashtra	123.80	Full
Bihar	26.36	Half of Central share

50% of the Central share viz. Rs.26.36 crores was released in the case of Bihar as the State had not established CRF account in accordance with the prescribed norms.

The number of drought affected districts in these States have reduced considerably due to receipt of a very good rains after 30th September, 2001.

Madhya Pradesh Government has sent a Memorandum on 13th November, 2001 reporting deficit rainfall in 15 districts and has sought assistance from the NCCF. The Memorandum is being processed further.

(f): No targets are fixed for employment generation in the drought affected areas as the object is to raise employment to as many persons as possible. However the mandays generated through employment from Food for Work Programme (FFWP) during 2000-01 as reported by certain States is as under:-

State Mandays generated (in crores)

Gujarat	15.98
Madhya Pradesh	12.44
Orissa	2.28
Rajasthan	11.59